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In re Application of:

Fred T. Parker

Serial No.: 09/905,017

Filing Date: July 13, 2001

For: MEDICAL DEVICE INCLUDING

TUBE HAVING A BRAID AND AN

EXPANDED COIL

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Examiner: R. Ghafoorian

Group Art Unit No.: 3763

REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir.

The assignee of the present application submits this Reply And Amendment under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116 and in response to the Office action mailed August 27, 2003. As this Reply And Amendment is being filed on October 23, 2003, under the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.8, it is timely.

Amendments to the Specification are not presented in this Reply And Amendment.